



PRESCRIBED FIRE

Sage Creek, Rich County

Saturday, September 24, 2005

Location: Approximately 2 miles west of the Sage Creek Junction and north of Highway 30 in Rich County, Utah.

Acres: 255 acres; public land managed by the Salt Lake Field Office, BLM

Purpose:

- Reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire from destroying nearby ranches
- Reduce the build-up of decadent sagebrush
- Enhance wildlife habitat
- Re-introduce fire into the ecosystem

Smoke: Limited visibility on Highway 30, Highway 16, and the Manhead Road is possible. Signs will be posted on Highway 30 warning of smoke in the area. Road guards may be used to warn drivers of potential hazards.

Additional Information: The timing of the Sage Creek burn coincides with high soil moisture levels and moderate live fuel moisture levels in sagebrush. These conditions allow for easily managed fire and will result in a low to moderate intensity burn. If conditions move beyond this window, the fire will be attempted at another time.

Prescribed fire is just one of many tools that can be used to reduce fire hazards. One of the most important reasons to use fire is that it closely mimics natural processes in a safer environment for firefighters and nearby residents.

For more information on fuel reduction projects in Utah check out www.utahfireinfo.gov

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